


# Employee Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

**Post-Travel Filing Instructions:** Complete this form within **30 days** of returning from travel. Submit all forms to the **Office of Public Records in 232 Hart Building**.

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In compliance with Rule 35.2(a) and (c), I make the following disclosures with respect to travel expenses that have been or will be reimbursed/paid for me. I also certify that I have attached:

- ☒ The original *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* (Form RE-1), AND  
☒ A copy of the *Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form* with all attachments (itinerary, invitee list, etc.)  
Private Sponsor(s) (list all): Jobs for the Future (JFF), Lumina Foundation, and the Joyce Foundation

Travel date(s): August 27, 2019 - August 29, 2019

Name of accompanying family member (if any): N/A

Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

IF THE COST OF LODGING **DID NOT INCREASE** DUE TO THE ACCOMPANYING SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT CHILD, ONLY INCLUDE LODGING COSTS IN EMPLOYEE EXPENSES. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

## Expenses for Employee:

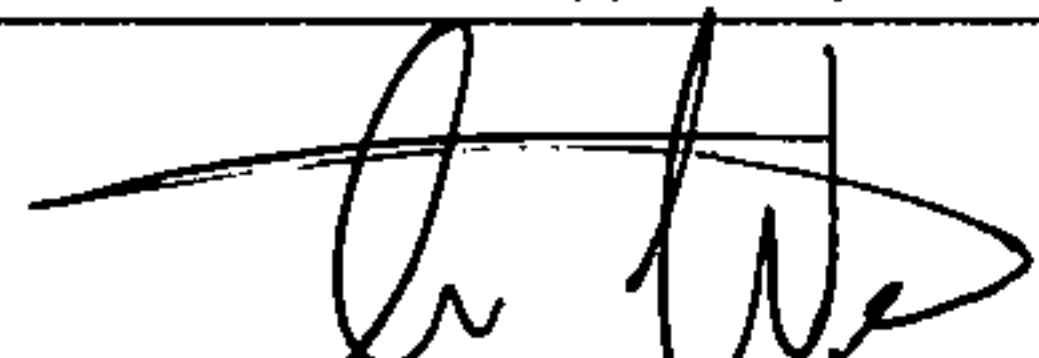
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate <input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount	\$553.00	\$362.00	\$209.00	N/A

## Expenses for Accompanying Spouse or Dependent Child (if applicable):

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate <input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

☒ Provide a description of all meetings and events attended. See Senate Rule 35.2(c)(6). (Attach additional pages if necessary.): Over the course of this trip, we heard from a variety of local education and business leaders located in the Denver Metro Area. We discussed ways in which they have been successful in aligning education and workforce development programs with industry needs. We also discussed opportunities where the federal government could be helpful in scaling these types of programs at a national level. This included eliminating regulatory obstacles under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act and HEA.

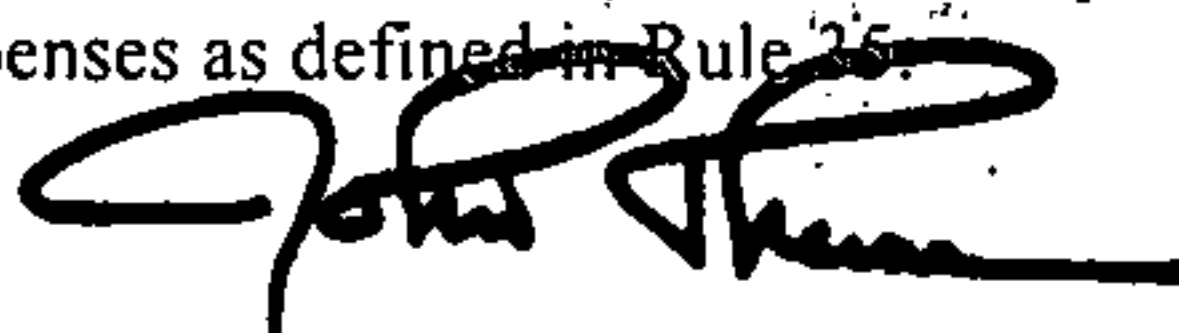
☒ 9/24/19 Adam Wek  
(Date) (Printed name of traveler)

  
(Signature of traveler)

## TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER:

I have made a determination that the expenses set out above in connections with travel described in the *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* form, are necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses as defined in Rule 35.

9/24/19  
(Date)

  
(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)

Adam Wek

Name of Traveler: \_\_\_\_\_

Employing Office/Committee: Senator John Thune

Private Sponsor(s) (list all): Jobs for the Future (JFF), Lumina Foundation, and The Joyce Foundation

Travel date(s): August 27, 2019 - August 29, 2019

*Note: If you plan to extend the trip for any reason you **must** notify the Committee.*

Destination(s): **Denver, Colorado**

Adam Wek is a legislative assistant in the office of Sen. Thune, and his portfolio includes education and workforce development issues in which he works with colleges throughout South Dakota to develop education policies that can help address local workforce shortages. This trip to Denver will provide Adam with insight into some different approaches that schools and local stakeholders in the Denver metro area have adopted to address local workforce issues and improve the local economy.

Name of accompanying family member (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Employee: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

**I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge:**


8/19/19  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Employee)

**TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING SENATOR/OFFICER (President of the Senate, Secretary of the Senate, Sergeant at Arms, Secretary for the Majority, Secretary for the Minority, and Chaplain):**

I, Senator John Thune hereby authorize Adam Wek  
*(Print Senator's/Officer's Name)* *(Print Traveler's Name)*

an employee under my direct supervision, to accept payment or reimbursement for necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses for travel to the event described above. I have determined that this travel is in connection with his or her duties as a Senate employee or an officeholder, and will not create the appearance that he or she is using public office for private gain.

I have also determined that the attendance of the employee's spouse or child is appropriate to assist in the representation of the Senate. (signify "yes" by checking box) ☐ 

8/19/19  
(Date)

*(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)*

## PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM

This form must be completed by any private entity offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to Senate Members, officers, or employees (Senate Rule 35, clause 2). Each sponsor of a fact-finding trip must sign the completed form. The trip sponsor(s) must provide a copy of the completed form to each invited Senate traveler, who will then forward it to the Ethics Committee with any other required materials. The trip sponsor(s) should **NOT** submit the form directly to the Ethics Committee. Please consult the accompanying instructions for more detailed definitions and other key information.

The Senate Member, officer, or employee **MUST** also provide a copy of this form, along with the appropriate travel authorization and reimbursement form, to the Office of Public Records (OPR), Room 232 of the Hart Building, within thirty (30) days after the travel is completed.

1. Sponsor(s) of the trip (please list all sponsors): Jobs for the Future (JFF), Lumina Foundation and The Joyce Foundation.
2. Description of the trip: The Congressional Staff Network Site Visit to Denver, CO to examine high quality and innovative education, workforce and poverty alleviation programs. See attachments for detail.
3. Dates of travel: August 27, 2019 - August 29, 2019
4. Place of travel: Denver, CO
5. Name and title of Senate invitees: See attachments for more detail.
6. I *certify* that the trip fits one of the following categories:  
☒ (A) The sponsor(s) are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and do not retain or employ registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.  
~~OR~~  
☐ (B) The sponsor or sponsors are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, but retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and the trip meets the requirements of Senate Rule 35.2(a)(2)(A)(i) or (ii) (*see question 9*).
7. ☒ I *certify* that the trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.  
~~AND~~  
☒ I *certify* that the sponsor or sponsors will not accept funds or in-kind contributions earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.
8. I *certify* that:  
☒ The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except for *de minimis* lobbyist involvement.  
~~AND~~  
☒ The traveler will not be accompanied on the trip by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except as provided for by Committee regulations relating to lobbyist accompaniment (*see question 9*).



9. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 6(B)**

I *certify* that if the sponsor or sponsors retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, one of the following scenarios applies:

- ☐ (A) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and one overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip.

**OR**

- ☐ (B) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and two overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip (see questions 6 and 10).

**OR**

- ☐ (C) The trip is being sponsored only by an organization or organizations designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.

10. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 9(B)**

If the trip includes two overnight stays, please explain why the second night is practically required for Senate invitees to participate in the travel:

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11. ☒ An itinerary for the trip is attached to this form. I *certify* that the attached itinerary is a detailed (hour-by-hour), complete, and final itinerary for the trip.

12. Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:

JFF, Lumina Foundation and The Joyce Foundation select sites and topics around which to base site

visits depending on the quality of programming and their relationship to education, workforce development

and poverty alleviation policy. See attachments for more detail.

13. Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission:

See attachments for each sponsor's mission and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission.

14. Briefly describe each sponsor's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips:

JFF has previously planned similar trips for over 10 years. Lumina Foundation and The Joyce Foundation

recently co-sponsored a similar trip with JFF in August 2018 to Detroit, MI and in February 2019 to

Memphis, TN. Prior to August 2018, JFF was the sole sponsor. See attachments for more detail.

15. Briefly describe the educational activities performed by each sponsor (other than sponsoring congressional trips):

Each sponsor preforms additional educational activities outside of sponsoring congressional trips. See attachments for more detail.

16. Total Expenses for Each Participant:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith estimate	\$553.00 (see attachments for more details)	\$362.00 (see attachments for more details)	\$209.00 (see attachments for more details)	NONE
<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts				

17. State whether a) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation or b) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *specifically with regard* to congressional participation:

b) The trip involves events that are arranged or organized specifically with regard to Congressional participation.

18. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip

JFF, Lumina Foundation and The Joyce Foundation selected Denver, CO due to the city's strategies in addressing education, workforce development and poverty policy. See attachments for more detail.

19. Name and location of hotel or other lodging facility:

The Brown Palace Hotel: 321 17th St. Denver CO, 80202

20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility:

The hotel is geographically convenient and offers government per diem rates.



# PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM

### SIGNATURE PAGE FOR ADDITIONAL SPONSOR

*(to be completed by each additional sponsor)*

I hereby *certify* that the information contained on pages 1-4 of the certification form and any accompanying addenda, all submitted in connection with the 8/27/2019 - 8/29/2019 trip  
to Denver, CO *Dates of Travel (Month Day, Year)*  
*Place of Travel* is true, complete, and correct.

Signature of Travel Sponsor: Ellen S. Alberding  
Ellen Alberding, President

Name and Title: The Joyce Foundation

Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: 321 North Clark St. Suite #1500 Chicago, IL 60654

Telephone Number: 312-782-2464

Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

B-mail Address: swilkins@joycedn.org

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*Place of Travel* is true, complete, and correct.

Signature of Travel Sponsor: Danette Howard

Name and Title: Danette Howard, Ph.D., Senior Vice President

Name of Organization: Lumina Foundation

Address: 30 S Meridian St. Suite #700 Indianapolis, IN 462014

Telephone Number: 800-834-5756

Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: dhoward@luminafoundation.org

**Private Sponsor Certification – Additional Sponsor Signature Page**

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## **Attachments**

### **Congressional Staff Network for Economic Advancement August 27, 2019 – August 29, 2019 Denver, CO**

#### **Question #2 Description of the Trip:**

The Congressional Staff Network for Economic Advancement brings together a bicameral, bipartisan group of senior Congressional staff to focus on policy issues at the core of economic mobility: K-12 education, postsecondary education, workforce development, and poverty alleviation. The purpose of this trip is to examine high quality and innovative education and workforce training programs that focus on the economic needs of the region, its employers and its people. Staff will see innovative programs that meet the skill needs of the region's critical industries, talk with students, teachers, state and local officials and employers who are involved in the development and in carrying out these programs.

#### **Question #5 Senate Staff:**

Adzua Agyapon, Legislative Assistant, Senator Bennet

Jake Baker, Professional Staff, Senate HELP Committee

Manuel Contreras, Junior Policy Advisor, Senate HELP Committee

Sam Hattrup, Legislative Correspondent, Senator Portman

Lindsay Linhares, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Senator Hyde-Smith

Karishma Merchant, Senior Education Policy Advisor, Office of Senator Tim Kaine

Marisa Morin, Policy Fellow, Office of Senator Wyden

Julia Sferlazzo, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Senator Casey

Alex Vargo, Legislative Assistant, Office of Senator Romney

Adam Wek, Legislative Assistant, Office of Senator Thune

#### **Question #12 Role of Sponsor:**

Jobs for the Future (JFF), Lumina Foundation and The Joyce Foundation work together to select sites and topics of interest around which to base site visits and forums, considering congressional staff interest, the quality of programming, and whether or not these programs have a relationship to workforce development and education policy. The sponsors develop and execute the agenda and arrange logistics for the trip. JFF serves as the point of contact for staff.

**Question #13 Mission of Sponsors:**

JFF's mission is the development of education, training and supportive programs and policies that expand opportunities for low income and disconnected youth and adults to attain the education, training and credentials necessary to find good jobs and family sustaining careers; Lumina Foundation's mission is the commitment to making opportunities for learning beyond high school available to all, envisioning a system that is easy to navigate, delivers fair results, and meets the nation's need for talent through a broad range of credentials; and The Joyce Foundation's mission is investments in public policies and strategies to advance racial equity and economic mobility for the next generation. All three sponsors work is informed by research, analysis, and best practice. JFF, Lumina Foundation and The Joyce Foundation's mission supports the purpose of the trip, learning and highlighting programs that expand opportunities for all through education, workforce development and poverty alleviation policy.

**Question #14 History of Sponsor:**

Trips through the Congressional Staff trips and events for over 10 years. Examples of this work includes the following: held numerous DC-based local forums and conducted multiple site visits where senior congressional staff have the opportunity to see high quality workforce programs and learn from experts and practitioners on the ground, about the impact of federal policy in their fields of responsibility. Visits have included programs in: Charlotte, NC; Bridgeport, CT; Cincinnati, OH; Madison, WI; Philadelphia, PA; Detroit, MI, Wichita, KS, Nashville, TN, Seattle, WA, Eastern KY, Fredericksburg, VA, Detroit, MI (again), and Memphis, TN. The purpose of these trips (and the Network) is to provide in-depth learning opportunities for staff on workforce, education, and economic security issues. This year Lumina Foundation and The Joyce Foundation have become official sponsors, playing a substantive role in the planning and development of the Congressional Staff Network site visit.

**Question #15 Other Educational Activities of Sponsor:**

JFF works with partners around the country to design and drive the adoption of education and career pathways leading to college, career readiness and career advancements for those struggling to succeed in today's economy. JFF improves pathways from high school to college to family-sustaining careers through relevant technical assistance, research, publication of reports, briefs and blogs and hosting events, including national conferences. Lumina Foundation is working with partners to bring greater transparency to all credentials and better serve underrepresented communities through; robust communication - providing daily newsletters to the public which highlight Lumina's recent publications as well as other publications that are relevant to their mission and Lumina funds projects that research and implement (through technical assistance) best practices around education, training and overall skill development throughout the nation. Lumina Foundation's work supports smoother student transitions and creative, flexible pathways







**Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> 2019 – Thursday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019**  
**Site Visit to Denver, Colorado**

7:55 – 8:20 AM	Amtrak Train from Union Station to BWI <i>7:55am – 8:20am Amtrak</i>
10:35 – 12:25 PM	Flight to Denver CO <i>Southwest Flight WN1779</i> <i>Departs BWI @ 10:35am (EST) → Arrives in DEN @ 12:25pm (MDT)</i>
12:25 – 1:30 PM	Travel by Bus from Airport to Lunch session <i>Colorado State University (CSU) Global Campus</i> <i>585 Salida Way</i> <i>Aurora CO 80011</i>
1:30 – 3:00pm	Lunch session: An Introduction to Denver Metro and Colorado – A Pipeline Study and its Impact in Colorado <i>Colorado State University (CSU) Global Campus</i> <i>585 Salida Way</i> <i>Aurora CO 80011</i>

**Speakers:**

- **Sam Bailey**, Vice President of Economic Development, Metro Denver Economic Development Corporation
- **Brandon McReynolds**, Director of Workforce Development, Colorado Department of Higher Education (CDHE)
- **Lee Wheeler-Berliner**, Managing Director, Colorado Workforce Development Council (CWDC)





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3:00 - 4:15 PM

## How the state's Higher Education Systems and Institutions are Responding to the Future of Work

**Colorado State University (CSU) Global Campus**  
**585 Salida Way**  
**Aurora CO 80011**

Staff will hear from leaders of CO's higher education systems and institutions, including state representatives, community college leaders and CSU to understand how postsecondary education is responding to the needs of students and the changing economy, including topics such as: career pathways, sector strategies, stackable credentials and accelerated learning models.

**Speakers:**

- **Kim Poast**, Chief Student Success and Academic Officer, CO Department of Higher Education
- **Rico Munn**, Superintendent, Aurora Public Schools
- **Bests Oudenhoven**, President, Aurora Community College
- **Becky Takeda-Tinker**, President, CSU Global

4:15 - 5:00 PM

## Tour the CSU Global Campus

Colorado State University (CSU) Global Campus  
585 Salida Way  
Aurora CO 80011

Staff will tour the new CSU Global Campus and hear about the work being done in the facility – how the campus is providing alternative postsecondary learning through strong career pathways.

5:00 – 6:00 PM

## Travel by Bus to Hotel

*Brown Palace Hotel*  
321 17<sup>th</sup> St. Denver CO, 80202

6:00 – 7:00 PM

### Arrive at Hotel & Staff Check-in

**Brown Palace Hotel**  
321 17<sup>th</sup> St. Denver CO, 80202

7:00 – 9:00pm

**Dinner Session: State Efforts to Create and Sustain Cross-System Partnerships, College and Career Pathways, and Strong Sector Initiatives**

**Brown Palace Hotel**  
321 17<sup>th</sup> St. Denver CO, 80202



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State leaders will build on the introductory session, discussing how Colorado is addressing challenges identified in the talent pipeline report, and focusing on cross-system alignment, and innovative college and career pathways and sector initiatives. Panelists will also discuss how they are thinking about equity in this work and how they tie all of this together.

**Speakers:**

- **Katy Anthes**, Commissioner of Education, Colorado Department of Education (CDE)
- **Lee Wheeler-Berliner**, Managing Director, Colorado Workforce Development Council (CWDC)
- **Joe Barela**, Executive Director, Colorado Department of Labor and Employment (CDLE)
- **Angie Paccione**, Executive Director, Colorado Department of Higher Education (CDHE)

9:00 PM                      Programming Ends

Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup>

**7:45 – 8:15 AM**      **Travel by Bus to Breakfast Session**  
*Urban Peak Site*  
*4890 N Pecos St. Denver, CO 80221*

8:15 – 9:15 AM Breakfast Session: Speaking with Urban Peak Youth  
Urban Peak Site  
4890 N Pecos St. Denver, CO 80221

Urban Peak serves youth experiencing homelessness in the Denver Metropolitan Area and Colorado Springs. During this time staff will eat breakfast and talk with Urban Peak staff and young people served by the organization - hearing individuals' stories and about how the program is helping them to find shelter and connect to skill development opportunities.

9:15 - 10:30 AM      How Denver is Addressing Youth Populations  
*Urban Peak*  
*4890 N Pecos St. Denver, CO 80221*



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This session will focus on youth programming in the Denver metro area. Panelists will discuss initiatives that target both in-school and out-of-school youth, providing education, skills development, work-based learning, and comprehensive support services to prepare and ensure the success of young people in the future.

**Speakers:**

**Christina Carlson, CEO, Urban Peak**

**Noel Ginsburg, CEO, Career Wise**

**Eliza Harding**, Director of Operations, Zero Dropouts

**Renee Zentz**, CEO, Colorado Springs Home Builders Association

**Lorena Zimmer**, Talent Pipeline Director, Denver Opportunity Youth Initiative

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| 10:30 – 11:00 AM | Travel to High Tech Early College High School<br><i>12000 E 45<sup>th</sup> Ave Denver, CO 80239</i>   |
| 11:00 – 12:00 PM | Early College High School Tour and Talk with Students<br><i>High Tech Early College High School<br/>12000 E 45<sup>th</sup> Ave Denver, CO 80239</i> |

Staff will tour the Early College High School lead by students participating in early college high school programming. Staff will talk with students to better understand their experiences and the benefits that result from this strategy in college and career preparation.

- 12:00 – 1:15 PM Lunch Session: Seamless Pathways from Secondary to Postsecondary – CO's commitment to Early College High School  
*High Tech Early College High School*  
*12000 E 45<sup>th</sup> Ave Denver, CO 80239*

This session will bring together members of the Denver Educational Attainment Network to discuss how leaders from across the region's K-12 and postsecondary systems are coming together to create strong postsecondary pathways for students in the Denver region. Staff will also hear from High Tech Early College High school (ECHS), that is using college in high school as a strategy to create seamless transitions for students from high school to college and/or



career. The panel will also address issues of equity and how they are ensuring students from all backgrounds succeed.

- **John Albright**, Student Engagement Director, Denver Public Schools
- **Janel Highfill**, Director of Strategic Partnerships, Aurora Community College
- **Therese Ivancovich**, Executive Director, Denver Education Attainment Network (DEAN)
- **Teina McConnel**, ED, Pickens Technical College
- **Stacy Parrish**, Principal, High Tech Early College
- **Misti Ruthven**, Executive Director of Pathways, Colorado Department of Education

**Travel to Community College of Denver's (CCD) Center for Health Sciences**  
*1070 Alton Way Denver, CO 80230*

**Session on Skilling Special Populations in Higher Education  
and Workforce Development**  
**Community College of Denver's (CCD) Center for Health Sciences**  
**1070 Alton Way Denver, CO 80230**

This session will identify how Denver is using skills development strategies to help alleviate poverty in the Denver metro region. This session will bring together postsecondary and workforce development leaders to describe their individual and collective efforts to address poverty through education and workforce development initiatives.

Welcome: **Ruthanne Orihuela**, Provost, Community College of Denver (CCD)

- **Tony Anderson**, Director of Workforce Services, Denver Workforce Center
- **Rebecca Balu**, Employment and Training Manager, Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS)
- **Katy Hamilton**, CEO, Center for Work Education and Employment
- **Julie Stone**, Executive Director, Work Options for Women (WOW)





- **Katrina Wert**, Director, Center for Workforce Initiatives, Community College of Denver
- **Lara Writsel**, Colorado Works Subsidized Training and Employment Program (CW STEP) Grant Coordinator, Colorado Department of Labor and Employment (CDLE)

Staff will tour healthcare training space at Community College of Denver. During this time staff will hear how the college is partnering directly with industry to prepare students in health care pathways while also seeing the facilities where the training takes place.

**This session will focus on Apprenticeship programs in CO focusing on high quality workforce development strategies to get individuals the skills they need to succeed in regional in-demand industries.**

- **Abbey Clothier**, Workforce Planning Manager, Centura Health
- **Eric Dunker**, Dean of Business, Arapahoe Community College
- **Mike Macklin**, Associate Vice Chancellor for Workforce Development/Partnerships, Colorado Community College System
- **Chris Magyar**, Chief Academy Officer, Tectonic
- **Josh Morin**, Managing Partner/Owner, Taddiken Tree

6:30 – 9:00 PM      Dinner Session: Statewide Strategies to Respond to the Changing Economy  
*Acreage Restaurant*  
*1380 Horizon Ave, Unit A Lafayette, CO 80026*



This session will focus on how CO is rethinking its strategies in education and workforce development to prepare Coloradans for the rapidly approaching future of work. Staff will hear from the Governor's office and other leaders about the state's efforts to prepare for changes in its economy and changing skill needs.

- **Steve King**, Workforce Policy Advisor, Governor Polis
- **Beth Cobert**, Skillful

Thursday August 29<sup>th</sup>

Informal discussion with staff about key take-aways from the trip – reflecting on what was learned and ways Federal policymakers can assist states and localities to improve system alignment, programming and outcomes.

11:35 AM      Return Flight to DC  
Southwest Flight WN 2415  
Departs DEN @ 11:35 am (MDT) → Arrives in BWI @ 4:45 pm (EST)

6:00 – 6:30 PM Amtrak train from BWI to Union Station  
6:01 pm – 6:30 pm Amtrak



Hello Adam,

We are pleased to invite you as a member of our Congressional Staff Network to JFF's August site visit. This visit will take place in **Denver, Colorado** from **Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – Thursday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019**. Participants will fly from Baltimore Washington International Airport (BWI) to Denver International Airport (DIA) on the morning of August 27<sup>th</sup>, participate in meetings and site visits throughout the two days, and then fly back to DC in the morning of August 29<sup>th</sup>.

In Denver, staff will learn about how the region is working across secondary, postsecondary education and workforce systems to prepare Coloradans for the 21<sup>st</sup> century economy. We will hear about how Colorado is creating college and career pathway opportunities; developing strong sector initiatives; creating a variety of apprenticeship programs that are available for youth and special populations; and how all of this work is aligned and helping to alleviate poverty and solve skill shortages in the state.

While in Denver, staff will: hear from leading employers, in information technology, advanced manufacturing, construction, and healthcare fields about how they have engaged with education providers to ensure that education and training is meeting their changing skill needs; visit community college campuses to see innovative approaches in postsecondary education while also learning about statewide early college efforts; learn about how the region is working to better prepare youth, specifically those out of work and out of school; and see first-hand how Colorado is leading the country in the development and expansion of apprenticeships for a wide range of participants and in a wide range of occupations

The JFF team is getting excited for the visit and the rich discussions that will take place. Please respond to this survey by **Friday June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019** stating your plans for participation and flight information/preferences. Once your attendance is confirmed our team will book flights and send out more information regarding the trip, including a final agenda and the necessary Ethics documentation. We hope you can join us!

Mary Clagett, Senior Director of Workforce Policy, JFF  
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